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SUBJECT: STRANDED TOURISTS IN VIENTIANE

1. AUSTRALIAN CONSUL IN VIENTIANE IS CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE PASSAGE FOR INTERESTED AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS FROM VIENTIANE TO SRI CHIANG MAI BY BOAT. AUSTRALIAN CONSUL HOPES TO HAVE THAI BOAT COME TO VIENTIANE FRIDAY, NOV. 28, TO PICK UP INTERESTED TOURISTS WHO HAVE BEEN STRANDED IN VIENTIANE BY THAI/LAO BORDER CLOSURE. AUSTRALIAN CONSUL HAS OBTAINED TENTATIVE AGREEMENT OF LAO FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THAI EMBASSY IN VIENTIANE FOR THAI BOAT TO PICK UP TOURISTS AND TAKE THEM TO SRI CHIANG MAI, WHERE THAI AUTHORITIES WILL ARRANGE TO CHECK THEM IN TO THAILAND. AUSTRALIAN CONSUL BELIEVES TOURISTS WILL HAVE TO PAY ABOUT 5 DOLLARS EACH FOR TRIP IF IT CAN BE ARRANGED.

2. AUSTRALIAN CONSUL HAS OFFERED TO INCLUDE ANY AMERICAN TOURISTS WHO ARE STRANDED IN VIENTIANE AND ARE INTERESTED IN TAKING ADVANTAGE OF HIS ARRANGEMENTS. WE ARE NOW TAKING NAMES OF AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO WISH TO CROSS TO THAILAND BY THIS MEANS. WE ARE EXPLAINING TO THESE AMERICANS THAT ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY AUSTRALIAN

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EMBASSY ARE NOT YET FIRM AND THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE

FOR THEM TO MAKE AIRLINES RESERVATIONS TO LEAVE LAOS IF
THEY ARE ABLE TO PAY FOR AN AIRLINE TICKET.
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